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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. GOP RELUCTANCE ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS AS DEPARTMENT HAD PROPOSED IS DISAPPOINTING INASMUCH AS WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO ABIDE BY OUR MFA COMMITMENTS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. AND WHILE GOP FEELS IT CANNOT QUOTE BE READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS UNQUOTE BY APRIL 28, WE STILL BELIEVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, OR CONSULTATIONS, BETWEEN US AND GOP ON BILATERAL TEXTILE TRADE WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME. THUS, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE

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THAT IN LIEU OF NEGOTIATIONS ON APRIL 28, SUCH AN

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, OR CONSULTATIONS, BE HELD IN WARSAW FOR THE DATES PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD SOMETIME IN JUNE IN WASHINGTON ON A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DATE.

2. PURPOSE OF THESE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE, INTER ALIA, FOR THE US SIDE TO LEARN OF GOP'S TEXTILE PROBLEMS, ITS PLANS, AND ITS INTENTIONS VIS A VIS THE US MARKET, AND FOR THE GOP TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TEXTILE PROBLEMS FACING THE US AND US THOUGHTS ON A POSSIBLE

AGREEMENT. THESE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE AS INFORMAL AND OPENENDED AS GOP WISHED WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENTS BY EITHER SIDE ON NEGOTIATING POSITIONS WHICH EITHER SIDE MIGHT ADOPT IN JUNE. WE BELIEVE THAT WITH SUCH AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, THE GOP'S PREPARATIONS FOR FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE ENHANCED.

3. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED APPROACH GOP SOONEST, SUGGEST ABOVE CONSULTATIONS INCLUDING APRIL 28 DATE AND VENUE, AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT ASAP. SEND INFO COPIES TO GENEVA FOR PHELAN AND TO VALLETTA AND CAIRO FOR MICHAEL B. SMITH. KISSINGER

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